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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT REFERENCED STATEMENT BY MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS DISCUSSED REFTEL. QUOTE
STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. THE 29TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR ADOPTED RESOLUTION 3333 (XXIX) ON
THE QUESTION OF KOREA EXPRESSING THE HOPE, AMONG OTHERS,
THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL IN DUE COURSE GIVE
CONSIDERATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PARTIES
DIRECTLY CONCERNED, TO THOSE ASPECTS OF THE KOREAN
QUESTION WHICH FALL WITHIN ITS RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDING
THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN
CONJUNCTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE
ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF JULY 27, 1953.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IN
COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION AND
IN THE INTERESTS OF MAINTAINING THE PEACE AND
SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, HAS HELD CONSULTATIONS
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WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH,

PURSUANT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 84 OF JULY 7, 1950, ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DESIGNATION THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN KOREA, AND THE BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED ON THE TERMINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND SUBJECT TO ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

3. BASED ON THESE CONSULTATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES INFORMED THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN ITS LETTER DATE JUNE , 1975 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURIT COUNCIL THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PREPARED TO TERMINATE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND DESIGNATE "SUCCESSOR IN COMMAND" WHO WOULD TAKE OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND. IT IS ALSO MADE CLEAR IN THE LETTER THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE READY TO MEET AT ANY TIME THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER PARTIES TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH A VIEW TO DEACTIVATING THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1976 OR AT AN EARLIER DATE UPON AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHER PARTIES ON ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR PROPOSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN KOREA FULLY CORRESPONDS TO THE WISHES OF THE MBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS EXPRESSED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3333 (XXIX) AND FULLY REFLECTS THE DECLAREN POLICY OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN THIS AREA. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT, UNDER THE PREVAILING CIRCUD STANCES ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, IT IS THE MOST REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD ALLOW AN ORDERLY DISPOSITION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND WITHOUT PREJDUICE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN KOREA.

5. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE PREVENTION OF RECURRENCE OF WAR AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THE KOREAN PENINSULA ARE ESSENTIAL FOR UTLIMATE REALIZATION OF PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY. GUIDED BY THIS CONVICTION, THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN VARIOUS INITIATIVES AIMED AT REDUCING TENSION IN THIS AREA AND CREATING FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION. WE INITIATED THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IN 1971 AND THE HISTORICAL SOUTH-NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED

IN 1972. WE ALSO PROPOSED, AMONG OTHERS, THE CONCLUSION OF A NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH AND CALLED FOR ADMISSION OF BOTH PARTS OF KOREA INTO THE UNITED NATIONS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE PENDING UNIFICATION.

6. TO OUR REGRET, NORTH KOREA HAS THUS FAR FAILED TO RESPOND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO OUR PROPOSALS WHILE INTENSIFYING ITS PROVOCATION AGAINST THE SOUTH, THUS HEIGHTENING TENSION IN THIS AREA. NORTH KOREA NOT ONLY SUSPENDED UNILATERALLY THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IN AUGUST, 1973, BUT ALSO HAS RECENTLY STEPPED UP ITS MILITARY BUILD-UP ALONG THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND OPENLY INSTIGATED AN OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SOUTH IN DEFIANCE OF THE SOUTH-NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JULY 4, 1972. THE RECENTLY DISCOVERED UNDERGROUND TUNNELS CONSTRUCTED BY NORTH KOREA ACROSS THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THE SOUTH-NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE GIVE AN UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE OF NORTH KOREA'S AGGRESSIVE DESIGN AGAINST THE SOUTH.

7. AS LONG AS THE DANGER OF RENEWED HOSTILITIES POSED BY NORTH KOREA PERSISTS IN KOREA, WE CONSIDER THAT THE UNITED STATES FORCES, WHICH ARE PRESENT IN KOREA AT THE REQUEST OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GOVERNMENT UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT, ARE NECESSARY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

8. THEREFORE, WE STRONGLY URGE NORTH KOREA TO DISCARD ITS AGGRESSIVE SCHEME AGAINST THE SOUTH AND
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SHOW SINCERITY IN THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION BY JOINING US IN GOOD FAITH IN OUR EFFORTS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3333.

9. WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT ALL THE PEACE-LIVING NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD WILL RENDER THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE AFORE-SAID POSITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN THE INTERESTS OF MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY AND EXPEDITING A PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA. END TEXT. UNQUOTE.
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